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For : RADICALLY COUPLED PTFE POLYMER COMPOUNDS AND METHOD  
FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, and the International Search Report issued in connection with counterpart International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052619. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and German) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on April 28, 2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

A. Heger et al., Technologie der Strahlenchemie an Polymeren, Akademie-Verlag Berlin 1990, 463-488 and 496-501 beginning in the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20;

Ferse et al., Plaste u. Kautschuk, 29 (1982), 45-465, beginning in the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,169,675.

The Annex to the International Search Report indicates that U.S. Patent No. 5,087,936 is a family member of JP 02-072771.

Applicants also bring to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 6,770,378 and family member DE 198 23 609 and WO 99/61527;

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U.S. Patent No. 4,385,130;

U.S. Patent No. 3,298,942;

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U.S. Patent No. 3,298,942;

GB 1,495,297;

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D.-W. Lee, "Ionisierende Strahlen Machen PTFE-Abfälle Wiederverwertbar",

Kunststoffe, Vol. 84, pp. 277-278, and 280 (1994).

Applicants also bring to the attention of the Examiner commonly assigned copending applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/577,305, which is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052620, filed October 22, 2004, and published as WO 2005/042596 A1, on May 12, 2005; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/577,300, which is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052621, filed October 22, 2004, and published as WO 2005/042597 A1, on May 12, 2005.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 and the waiver thereof, copies of the U.S. patents, U.S. published patent applications, and U.S. patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted documents, except for U.S. patents, U.S. published patent applications, and U.S. patent applications, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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